

WENT JOY-RIDING WITH MRS. SCHENK

Gilded Youth of Wheeling Tells of Trips With Accused Woman.

FIRST TAIN OF SCANDAL

She Talked of Divorce and Strong Probability of Husband's Death.

Wheeling, W. Va., January 13.—The tedium of hypothetical questions and technical testimony was suddenly changed in the Schenk case to-day, when, toward the close of the day, the State, through a witness, brought into the court records the first intimation of scandal in its prosecution of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk, on the charge of administering poison to her wealthy husband, John O. Schenk, who is recovering.

Ever since the arrest of Mrs. Schenk last November there have been intimations and actual statements by the prosecuting attorney that "a well known young man of Wheeling" would be called by the State to show a probable motive for the alleged poisoning. Daniel Phillips, a piano salesman, was called to-day. He is a son of one of Wheeling's first families.

Phillips told of long automobile rides with the accused at her invitation for more than eighteen months before her arrest. During the last year, he said, Mrs. Schenk talked to him about plans to procure a divorce, and later talked almost constantly of the strong probability of her husband's death.

Gave Him Many Presents. Phillips admitted that Mrs. Schenk on various occasions had given him many costly presents, among them a diamond pin and a smoking jacket, but he denied any knowledge of the purchase for him of a \$200 fur overcoat, which it has been alleged, he was to have received the very day she was arrested and lodged in jail.

The State attempted several times by direct questioning to establish intimacy between the witness and the defendant, but to all questions along this line Phillips refused to answer, on the ground that he would incriminate himself. He was sustained by the court in this position.

Phillips testified that after he became acquainted with Mrs. Schenk he visited his place of business so often that he was forced to ask her to stop coming. She then resorted to the telephone, and he was called so often that this means of communication was finally abandoned. She then sent her chauffeur, Lundy Wilson, with notes, according to Phillips, or had the chauffeur call up Phillips to make arrangements to take her on these rides.

He told of meeting the accused at Martin's Ferry and other Ohio points. Beer, wine and sandwiches, he said, were always taken on these rides. Phillips admitted further, under the questioning of the prosecutor, that on arriving at their destination in a hotel near Smithfield, Ohio, the refreshments would be disposed of, the chauffeur dismissed, and that he and Mrs. Schenk would remain in the car. When they desired to return to the city, Wilson would be summoned by a certain signal on the automobile horn. The witness exhibited much nervousness on the stand and hesitated in his replies.

Mrs. Schenk Agitated. Mrs. Schenk was agitated more than at any time during the trial, keeping her head lowered and fumbling with papers on the table before her. The defense refused to cross-examine the witness, and he almost fled from the courtroom after his testimony had been given.

The testimony for the day was started when the State called Dr. O. A. Burdette. Burdette examined Mrs. Schenk's teeth on October 20, five days before the removal of the latter to the hospital. He had a blue line on the gums. He testified that this was not due to any diseased condition, but must have come from other causes.

Professor John W. Mallett, F. R. S., of the University of Virginia, one of the chemical experts who tested the mineral water alleged to have been poisoned, testified that the sample of water sent him contained eight-tenths of a grain of pure white arsenic to the pint, or eighty grains of Fowler's solution, the common form of arsenic. Edward McCallister, a druggist, from whom the supply of mineral water was purchased, as well as a quinine elixir, was sure neither of the bottles contained either mark of lead or arsenic.

Dr. J. T. Thornton was one of the chief witnesses put on the stand by the State, and he was recalled in the afternoon. He conducted blood and other tests in an effort to procure a correct diagnosis of the case. In answer to a hypothetical question by Prosecutor Handlan, he said that the symptoms alleged to have been shown by Schenk might have been due to lead poisoning. Symptoms enumerated in the second hypothetical question indicated

Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk,
Photographed in Court Room



arsenic poisoning, he said.

On cross-examination he admitted that the same symptoms might be due to serious disorders of the stomach, which was the chief point scored by the defense during the day.

MILITIA PAY BILL DOOMED TO FAIL

Little or No Hope Now Felt of Passage at Present Congressional Session.

Military men now practically admit the almost certain failure of the militia pay bill at this session of Congress. The measure, which provides compensation from the United States Treasury for every officer and enlisted man of the militia for attendance at drills, has been vigorously pushed, a committee from the National Guard Association having been on the ground.

Yet it seems certain that there is no chance of the enactment of the measure at the present session. The uncertainty in the political air in Washington is given as one reason, with the addition that the session is short, and that many important matters have precedence of this proposed departure from prior custom.

Drifts Without Rudder. A military journal says that Congress at this time is without a pilot and without a rudder. Old alignments are broken, and there is no party and no faction in control. Under the circumstances, this publication expects no definite policy along new lines. It believes that the bill will have to await the readjustment necessary upon the passage of the reins of power into the hands of another party.

It is felt, however, that the agitation has not been without its effect, and that the very fact of its publicity and of the impetus given the movement will be an aid at the next session. As a matter of fact, while some disappointment is felt locally at the impending failure of the plan, no one has been sanguine at any time of favorable action at the present session. The movement has been regarded as preliminary.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORKERS MEET

Second Baptist Hears Good Reports and Elects Additional Officers.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday school of the Second Baptist Church held their annual meeting in the church parlors last night, heard and discussed reports of the successful work of the past year, laid plans for more aggressive effort and greater work for the current year, and elected such officers for the school as the present law allows.

Detailed reports from all the departments, from the "cradle roll" up to the organized adult classes, showed the gratifying progress made. The roll strength of the school is now: Officers and teachers, 62; scholars, 647. Herebefore this Sunday school, while a part and parcel of the church, has been somewhat of an independent institution, running its own affairs in its own way, but last year it put itself under the direct management and care of the church. However, the only additional authority the church has assumed over the school is to name a Sunday school board to look after it, elect a superintendent, and to see that the necessary funds for the maintenance of the school are provided.

At the recent annual meeting of the church the Sunday school board was named, and Frank T. Crump was elected superintendent.

More Officers Elected. Last night the school itself elected the following additional officers: Lewis Plummer, associate superintendent; James L. Philpott, secretary; Thomas D. Neal, Jr., assistant secretary; J. B. Farnsworth, treasurer; Clarence J. Wyatt and Wade Courtney, recording clerks; R. J. Williamson, Jr., outside chairman; Mrs. Nannie J. Coleman, Sunday school visitor; Miss Bettie Ellyson, superintendent "Cradle Roll"; Mrs. Nannie Coleman, superintendent beginners' department; Miss Sue Roberts, superintendent primary department; Miss Maude Stark, assistant; Miss Marian Plummer, superintendent junior department; P. P. Plummer, superintendent intermediate department.

A teachers' training department was organized, with Professor R. E. Gaines as superintendent. The selection of a librarian was left to the Sunday school board. The report of the retiring librarian shows that there are 655 volumes in the library.

The budget submitted by the board for the current year sets apart the sum of \$1,100 for current expenses. Special collections for various purposes other than current expenses amounted last year to more than \$1,000, and are expected to be quite as large, if not larger, this year.

This school is now regularly graded and modeled after the latest plans adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday school and Bible department, and is said to be one of the best organized schools within the territory of that convention.

FARMERS' UNION TO MEET

Annual Session to Be Held in Richmond Early in February.

Arrangements were made in Richmond yesterday for the annual meeting of the Farmers' Co-operative and Educational Union, which will be held here on February 2, 3 and 4. State Secretary H. L. Petty of Union Level, spent the day here on this duty.

The growth of this organization in the past few years has been phenomenal. It largely along the lines of trade unions and to this end it studies the market and seeks to control it when it is deemed necessary. One object is to eliminate the middle man and his profits.

The session. The executive committee will arrive on February 2. An attendance of 20 delegates and officers is expected. Considerable part of the Virginia Headquarters will be at the Lexington Hotel.

Says She Was Held Up. Anna Jones, colored, of 311 Henry Street, reported for current yesterday that she was held up at the point of a pistol of four black men at the corner of Jefferson and Franklin streets. She was not robbed of anything, she says, but she can identify each one of them. None had been arrested last night.

LASSITER WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE

For Personal Reasons Decides Not to Stand for Re-Election to Senate.

TWO FOR CITY TREASURER

Rumors of Peanut Combination. Fined for Careless Shooting.

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In response to inquiries, Senator Charles T. Lassiter has written a letter to W. J. Bevil, of Dinwiddie county, stating that for personal reasons he will not offer for re-election to the Senate this year. Senator Lassiter has represented the Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, composed of the city of Petersburg and the county of Dinwiddie, for the past six years, and for four years previous to that had served as the Petersburg representative in the House of Delegates. His record in both houses was an honorable one, marked by faithful and efficient service in the interest of his constituents and of the State at large. It is to be regretted that his services are to be lost.

Senator Lassiter's main purpose in going to the Legislature was to secure State aid for county roads by the passage of legislation designed to put the convicts to work, under State supervision, in aid of the counties. This work was accomplished. State aid was secured, and the system of public roads improvement, which has already done so much good, is a monument to his consistent and persistent labors in the cause of the State. His great purpose having been accomplished, Senator Lassiter feels that he can cheerfully leave details to others.

Had Senator Lassiter decided to offer for re-election, it is not believed that he would have opposition. His retirement, however, opens the field for aspirants from both the city and the county. Dinwiddie feels that it is entitled to the senatorship, and may offer a candidate before the primary.

Acceptable Present to Eagles.

In February last, while hunting ducks at Gilling's, on the Appomattox River, Hon. William R. McKenney shot and killed a large eagle of the golden species. The bird measured six feet from tip to tip of wings, and was of such noble size and royal beauty that Mr. McKenney decided to have it mounted, and for this purpose sent it to New Hampshire. As an appropriate gift, Mr. McKenney has presented the mount to Petersburg. A pair of Eagles, whose emblem is the noble eagle, and the presentation will be made next Tuesday night.

This eagle and its mate had made their habitation for years in the vicinity of Gilling's, and were often seen. The mate of the dead bird is still there, apparently awaiting the return of her companion.

Incendiary Fire in Prince George. Several nights ago the barn on the premises of Frank Drake, a Bohemian farmer, was set afire by some malicious person, and was burned to the ground. One hundred bags of peanuts (400 bushels) and a ton of feed were among the contents of the building destroyed. The loss is quite heavy, and the insurance is small.

Candidates for City Treasurer. Two candidates—Councillor F. G. Stratton and C. L. Barksdale—have announced themselves for the office of City Treasurer, and have already begun an active canvass.

W. E. Ramey's term does not expire for two or three years yet, but under the law he will be ineligible for re-election. Both the men seeking the place are prominent and highly respected in the community, and both have been members of the Common Council for some years.

Rumors of Peanut Combination. Rumors have been in the air here for a day or two of the contemplated formation of a big peanut combination among the planters of the country, and a great deal of interest has been aroused among the peanut men of this section. These rumors have not as yet assumed definite form, and nothing can be said as to their authenticity. But they have been widely discussed, as the great peanut industry of this section would be affected.

The price of Spanish peanuts has jumped from \$1.10 to \$1.17 1/2 per bushel within the past week, and the market is firm at the latter figures.

Decision Rendered. Judge Mullen, in the Hustings Court, to-day rendered his decision in the

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cause of Seward et als. vs. Fisher et als., in which the plaintiffs, as judgment creditors of C. Fisher Collier, are seeking to subject to the payment of their judgments, the interest of the said Collier in the trust estate arising under the will of the late Mrs. Sarah V. Collier. The court practically sustained the report of Commissioner Robert Gilliam, which was favorable to the plaintiffs.

Fined for Careless Shooting. Justice Watkins, of Dinwiddie, to-day fined five white youths of this city for careless shooting in the county. The boys went out hunting a day or two ago and shot at some pigeons belonging to a farmer, which were feeding near the Kenilworth Public School. Some of the small shot passed through the open window of the school and struck several of the pupils, who were sitting at their desks, stinging them, and in one or more instances penetrating their skin. They were not seriously hurt, but the shooting was careless. The justice imposed a fine of \$5 and costs, amounting to over \$9 in each case.

Affairs at the Riverdale. Among the guests and riders at the Riverdale Hunt to-morrow afternoon will be Miss Anne Keith Royall and Miss Lettice Woodward, of Richmond. Miss Royall will ride E. B. Snyder's noted hunter, Her Grace, and Miss Woodward will have the mount on Captain M. C. Jackson's fine hunter, Black Sox. A large field is expected. The usual reception and dance will follow the hunt, at which the reception committee will be, Mesdames A. W. Gray, T. F. Heath, J. R. Jolly, P. R. Roper, F. C. Spencer, H. S. Seward,

Misses Margaret Gill, Mary Bunting, Mary R. Meade, May B. Claiborne, Alice Spicer and Maude Hobbs.

Personal and Otherwise.

F. L. Bain, of Wakefield, one of the largest peanut dealers in the South-side, was in the city to-day.

The remains of W. J. Bryant, a gallant Confederate soldier, of Petersburg, who died in the Soldiers' Home in Richmond yesterday afternoon, were buried in Highland Cemetery this afternoon. A detail of veterans from A. P. Hill Camp met the body and escorted it to the grave.

It is reported that the steamer Aurora and other property of the Phillips Line will soon be sold, in order to enable the receivers to settle up the affairs of the line. The Aurora plies between Richmond and Petersburg.

Information has been received of the death in Mount Vernon, N. Y., of Mrs. Hannah Semon, a native of Richmond, but for many years a resident of Petersburg. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. R. Engelberg and Mrs. Sophia Semon, of Richmond.

Morganfield, the train robber, lectured to a small audience here last night. Among his hearers was E. Eichberg, who was on the train when it was held up.

The opening of the Birdville Tuberculosis Hospital, which was expected to take place next week, will be delayed for a while by lack of permission to lay water pipes across the property of the Atlantic Coast Line until action is had by the City Council.

Work on the new baseball park, on Dunlop's Field, will begin in a few days. R. Gordon Finney, the retiring secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, left for Washington to-day. He will resume the practice of law in Alexandria county.

Petersburg Club Reorganized. At a meeting the Petersburg Club last night in the Chamber of Commerce a reorganization was effected and officers elected, as follows: President, Robert Gilliam; Vice-President, Mortimer Williams; Secretary and Treasurer, J. Arthur Johnston; Directors—Harvey Seward, Dr. G. C. Leigh, William A. Bond, Bartlett Roper, Jr., Joseph W. Seward, Charles E. Plummer, D. H. Jackson, E. H. Patterson and Mortimer Williams. The membership of the club is limited to seventy-five. The Buchanan residence, on West Tenth Street, has been leased for the home of the club.

MOTOR CAR SHOP WILL STAY OPEN

Mechanics' Institute Work to Continue—Many Gifts Received.

The report of attendance and enrollment of the Virginia Mechanics' Institute during the month of December was as follows:

Enrollment of individual students, 533; enrollment in classes, 614; per cent of attendance, 83.8.

At the January meeting of the board of directors, Edwin Whiteley, Jr., and Henry G. Elliott were elected, vice W. Waller Morton and J. F. Walsh, resigned.

It was decided to continue the automobile instruction during the months of January and February, in order to complete the work begun in October last.

The institute has been the recipient of several gifts of equipment, among them a handsome shaper, fourteen-inch, from Miles-Bement-Pond Company, of New York; an automobile from C. K. Lassiter, of this city; small tools and one machine tool from the American Locomotive Company, and miscellaneous supplies for the blacksmith shop from the Tredegar Company.

The superintendent, Frank V. Duke, has recently returned from a trip to New York and Boston, which was taken to investigate similar institutions maintained in those great metropolitan centers.

The results which are attained in night educational classes by those who work during the day are remarkable, and the opportunities which are afforded in institutions of this type are among the most potent factors in the development of any community.

A committee from Lynchburg has been recently investigating the organization and conduct of the Richmond school, and will doubtless open one of similar type at an early date.

Automobile Club Meeting. The committee of the Richmond Automobile Club, which has been working on plans in connection with the Richmond-Gordonsville road, is expected to make a report at the monthly meeting of the organization, which will take place Monday night at 8:30 o'clock at the Richmond Hotel.

Marriage License. A marriage license was issued in the city clerk's office yesterday to Solomon Stein and Miss Gerta Weinstein.

TOBACCO GROWERS MAY "POOL" CROPS

Kentucky Plan Urged Upon North Carolina Co-Operative Union.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., January 13.—Nearly every tobacco-growing county in the State was represented at an executive meeting of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union here to-day. All business was transacted behind closed doors. The only statement given out was that the object of the conference was to inaugurate a movement to get the tobacco farmers to adopt a co-operative plan for marketing their leaf. It is unofficially reported that there is a movement to get the farmers to pool their tobacco, upon the Kentucky plan. One of the union leaders stated that it looked as if several meetings would have to be held before plans in view could be put in operation.

George W. Dutrick, representing the Secretary of the Treasury, is here investigating a proposition to move the post-office to a new site. The government owns the present building, and recently instituted condemnation proceedings against four lots, these to be purchased and used if it is decided to enlarge the present building. It will require an act of Congress to move the office. The last Congress appropriated \$250,000 for the purchase of additional land and the enlargement of the building.

Hugh Smith, one of the three white men who broke out of Forsyth's jail last Sunday morning, was arrested at Martinsville, Va., to-day, and brought back to-night. Smith tells the officers that prisoners were furnished implements to saw out by Lindsay Vanhook, a negro "trustee" at the jail. Vanhook has been locked up.

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